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The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The company appraised the Government of deficit and that is why after the meter reading in November 1954, they were permitted to levy a surcharge of 10 per cent."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லக்கூடிய பதில் சரியல்ல. இந்தக் கம்பெனிகளை லாபகரமாக இல்லையென்று கருதினால் பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டுகளோ, ஜில்லா போர்டுகளோ எடுத்து கொள்வதற்கு முன் வந்திருக்காது. லாபகரமாக இருக்கிறதினால்தான் அவர்கள் அதனை ஏற்று நடத்த முன்வருகிறார்கள். அப்படியிருக்கும்பொழுது சர்க்கார் என்ன ரேட்டுக்குக் கொடுக்கிறார்களோ அதைவிட அதிகமாக இந்த ரேட்டுக்குத்தான் விற்கவேண்டுமென்று ஏன் நிபந்தனை போடக்கூடாது ? அதோடு மின்சார வினியோகக் கம்பெனிகளுக்கு யூனிட் என்ன விலைக்கு மின்சாரத்தை விற்கிறார்கள் என்றும் அறியவிரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information on hand about the rate at which we supply to this company. I can furnish that information if a separate question is put. In their representation, they say they are meeting with a deficit. The whole thing depends on that."

Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi

* 985 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any request from the agriculturists of Nethirimangalam, Malabar, to take water through the Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on their request?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government received copies of the representations made by the agriculturists of Nethirimangalam to the Collector of Malabar and the Director of Agriculture.

" (*b*) The request was not complied with as it could not be done without serious detriment to the crops in the Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, there is a tank outside this Agricultural Research Station and there is already a channel inside the station. The ryots want the permission of the Government only to take water through the channel. I do not know what risk is involved in that. Will the Government reconsider their decision? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is shortage of water in that tank and the requirements of the Research Station must be first met. If water is permitted to be drawn for outside fields, then the station will have to go with less water. Therefore it is, that the Research Station refused to permit water being drawn for private fields."

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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I fear the Government is misinformed. The Research Station is not at all utilizing the tank and the tank is outside the station. Will the Government reconsider this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have my information from the Department of Agriculture and I am not prepared to accept the information that is sought to be furnished by the hon. Member."

Examiners for the S.S.L.C. Examination

* 986 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any teachers of Elementary Schools are appointed as examiners for the S.S.L.C. Examination; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Midday meals to Harijan pupils

* 987 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to provide midday meals to Harijan children in schools other than Labour schools?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

Harijan peons under the Block Development Officer, Perambalur

* 988 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Palanimuthu is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of peons under the Block Development Officer, Perambalur; and

(*b*) how many of them are Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Eight.

" (*b*) None."